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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REGIONAL NARCOTICS POLICE CONFERENCE

REF: BANGKOK 0945

1. IN REPLY MISOFF' S RECENT QUERY RE STATUS OF ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROPOSED REGIONAL NARCOTICS POLICE CONFERENCE IN BANGKOK, DND DIRECTOR MARTENS SAID THAT DURING 25 TH CND THAI DEL GAVE IMPRESSION THAT RTG IS NO LONGER INTERESTED IN PROMOTING CONFERENCE AND NOTED HE WOULD WELCOME EARLY CLARIFICATION OF RTG POSITION.

2. SUBSEQUENTLY MANBY (DND) PROVIDED FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFO.
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AFTER CND' S ADOPTION UNDER SPONSORSHIP THAILAND AND OTHERS OF RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ILLICIT TRAFFIC IN FE, MANBY ASKED KHUN CHITR WHETHER HE BELIEVED COMITE' S AGENDA MIGHT OVERLAP WITH THAT OF PROPOSED REGIONAL NARCOTICS POLICE CONFERENCE. KHUN CHITR REPLIED TO EFFECT THAT HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE DUPLICATION, THAT IN ANY EVENT RTG WAS NOT INTERESTED IN MOVING FORWARD WITH BOTH ACTIVITIES NOW AND WOULD WITHDRAW ITS PROPOSAL FOR CONFERENCE. MANBY ADDED THAT SUBSEQUENTLY MOUNTFIELD (DND, BANGKOK) WAS ASKED TO OBTAIN CONFIRMATION THAT THIS IS RTG' S POSITION AND DND AWAITING HER REPORT.

3. MANBY ALSO ADVISED THAT AD HOC COMMITTEE (COMPOSED OF AUSTRALIA, TAILAND, JAPAN, INDIA, INDONESIA, UK), AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING HELD DURING 25 TH CND, DECIDED TO CONDUCT REGIONAL STUDY TOUR AND INSTRUCTED SECRETARIAT TO DRAW UP A PROPOSED PROGRAM. MANBY ADDED THAT WHILE TIMING OF TOUR IS NOT YET FIXED IT LIKELY TAKE PLACE NEXT NOV. PURPOSE OF TOUR, PURSUANT COMITE' S TERMS OF REFERENCE, WOULD BE TO CONSULT WITH COUNTRIES CONCERNED CONCERNING MOST SUITABLE MEANS OF REALIZING AND PROMOTING MORE EFFECTIVE COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN SUPPRESSION OF ILLICIT TRAFFIC WITHIN, FROM AND INTO FE REGION. MANBY ADDED THAT SUBJECT TO COMITE' S CONCURRENCE, DND AT WORKING LEVEL IS CURRENTLY PLANNING TO DEFINE FE AS SEA AND THEREFORE COUNTRIES TO BE CONSULTED DURING STUDY TOUR WOULD INCLUDE THOSE WHOM IT WAS PROPOSED TO INVITE BANGKOK REGIONAL POLICE CONFERENCE. MANBY COMMENTED THAT IN WAKE ESTABLISHMENT OF AD HOC COMITE, HE SEES REGIONAL EFFORT AS STARTING AT DIFFERENT LEVEL. INSTEAD OF BEGINNING AT TECHNICAL WORKING LEVEL TO PROMOTE COOPERATION PER PROPOSED POLICE CONFERENCE, REGIONAL EFFORT WILL NOW BEGIN AT DIPLOMATIC LEVEL IN GOVTS AND BE FOLLOWED BY WORKING LEVEL CONFERENCES. RIMESTAD

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